

PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

Definition and Examples

Present Continuous Tense describes the events that are occurring now - at the moment when the words are being spoken.

I am drinking milk.

Rony is dancing.

The bus is moving.

Birds are singing.

Mohit is writing a letter.

I am riding a bike.

Formula/Rules

In all the above sentences the speaker is talking about events that are occurring at the moment when the words are being spoken. The main structure of the Present Continuous Tense is very easy to determine from the sentences above. That is- (Subject + Auxiliary verb + 'ing' form of verb).

Like the Simple Present Tense, Present Continuous Tense can also be classified into three different types of sentences i.e. - positive, negative and interrogative sentences. We will understand their structure with help of suitable examples.

a) Positive Sentences

Structure/Formula:

The structure of Positive Present Continuous sentences is-

(subject + auxiliary verb + 'ing' form of the main verb)

Rules for Positive Sentences in Present Continuous Tense:

If the subject is- it, he, she, or a singular noun then the auxiliary verb used is 'is'. If the subject is- they, we, I, you, or a plural noun then the auxiliary verbs used are- are and am. To better understand read the below-given sentences written in Positive Present Continuous form -

It is falling.

He is sleeping.

She is singing.

The dog is barking.

We are going to the terrace.

I am thinking about him.

You are troubling me!

Children are playing.

b) Negative Sentences

Structure/Formula:

**The structure and formation of a Negative Present Continuous Tense. Structure-
(Subject + Aux verb + not + 'ing' form of verb)**

Rules For Negative Sentences In Present Continuous Form:

In case the subject is- it, he, she, or a singular noun then 'is' should be the auxiliary verb used and if the subject is - they, we, I, you, or a plural noun then 'are'

- **He is not cooperating.**
- **She is not writing.**
- **It is not moving.**
- **The scissor is not working.**
- **They are not listening.**
- **We are not going.**

- **I am not doing it.**
- **You are not behaving properly.**
- **Children are not playing in the park.**

c) Negative - Interrogative Sentences

Negative sentences in Present Continuous form can be converted into interrogative sentences by following simple rules- Adding 'Why' at the beginning of the sentence and interchanging the position of 'subject' and 'auxiliary verb'.

For Example, we will convert the above negative sentences into negative - interrogative form as given below-

- **Why is he not cooperating?**
- **Why is she not writing?**
- **Why is it not moving?**
- **Why the scissor is not working?**
- **Why are they not listening?**
- **Why are we not going?**
- **Why am I not doing it?**
- **Why are you not behaving properly?**
- **Why the children are not playing in the park?**

d) Interrogative Sentences

Structure/Formula:

The structure of Present Continuous Interrogative sentences is-

(Aux verb + subject + not + 'ing' form of the main verb)

Rules For Interrogative Sentences In Present Continuous Form:

In case the subject is- it, he, she or a singular noun then the auxiliary verb is- 'is', and in case the subject is - they, we, I, you or a plural noun then the aux verbs are- 'are', 'am'. Given below are some examples of Present Continuous Interrogative Sentences.

- **Is it working now?**
- **Is he studying?**
- **Is she singing?**

- **Is the bus moving?**
- **Are they coming?**
- **Are we having dinner?**
- **Am I going with you?**
- **Are you missing him?**
- **Are the children playing cricket?**

Please note that in some cases conjunction like 'the' may be used whenever necessary like in the sentences-

Is the bus moving?

Are the children not playing cricket? etc.

e) Interrogative-Negative Sentences

Interrogative sentences in the Present Continuous form can be converted into Interrogative-Negative sentences in the present continuous form by adding 'not' before the 'ing' form of the verb. For example, we will convert the above sentences into Interrogative-Negative form in **Present continuous as below-**

- **Is it not playing now?**
- **Is he not studying?**
- **Is she not singing?**
- **Is the bus not moving?**
- **Are they not coming?**
- **Are we not having dinner?**
- **Am I not going with you?**
- **Are you not missing him?**
- **Are the children not playing cricket?**

Exercises/Worksheets/Activities with Answers

Fill in the blanks exercises/Worksheets/Activities on Present Continuous Tense with Answers:

Complete the sentences by the given hint using the proper form of Present Continuous verb form or appropriate auxiliary verbs and verify your progress with the answers provided in the end.

- 1) I _____ writing a letter. **(is)**
- 2) He is _____ on phone. **(talk)**
- 3) She is _____ for the exams. **(study)**
- 4) The dog is _____ loudly. **(bark)**
- 5) It is _____ faster than expected. **(move)**
- 6) We are _____ a chorus. **(sing)**
- 7) Raju is _____ very fast. **(write)**
- 8) They _____ going for the party. **(is)**
- 9) We are _____ the match on TV. **(watch)**
- 10) I am _____ to the gym. **(go)**
- 11) You are _____ as ordered! **(do)**
- 12) Sally is _____ in the marathon. **(run)**
- 13) Molly is _____ to her office. **(walk)**
- 14) Children are _____ in the field. **(play)**
- 15) The bus is _____. **(move)**
- 16) The driver is _____ horn. **(blow)**
- 17) Cat is _____ milk. **(drink)**
- 18) Cats _____ drinking water. **(is)**
- 19) Children are _____ to the teacher. **(listen)**
- 20) He is _____ clothes. **(wash)**

Answers-

1)am, 2)talking, 3)studying, 4)barking, 5)moving, 6)singing, 7)writing, 8)are, 9)watching, 10)going, 11)doing, 12)running, 13)walking, 14)playing, 15)moving, 16)blowing, 17)drinking, 18)are, 19)listening, 20)washing

MCQs/Exercises/Worksheets/Activities on Present Continuous Tense with Answers:

Choose the proper verb forms or auxiliary verbs from the choices given to make a proper Present Continuous sentence. Verify your answers with those provided in the end.

1) I am _____ dinner.

- a) eat
- b) ate
- c) eating

2) He ____ climbing the stairs.

- a) is
- b) are
- c) they

3) Children are _____ in the class.

- a) shout
- b) shouting
- c) shouted

4) It is _____ a metallic sound.

- a) made
- b) make
- c) making

5) Teacher is _____ in the class.

- a) teach
- b) teaching
- c) taught

6) She is _____ to the grocery store.

- a) going
- b) gone
- c) went

7) My parents are _____ dinner together.

- a) cook
- b) cooked
- c) cooking

8) The children are _____ for toys.

- a) cry
- b) cried
- c) crying

9) Rony and Sally are _____ in the class.

- a) sitting
- b) sat
- c) seated

10) We are _____ on our natural resources.

- a) survived
- b) surviving
- c) survive

11) Our teacher is _____ a lecture on moral ethics.

- a) gave
- b) give
- c) giving

12) His father is _____ him for the upcoming speech contest.

- a) preparing
- b) prepare
- c) prepared

13) The moon is _____ bright tonight.

- a) glow
- b) glowed
- c) glowing

14) Children _____ shouting.

- a) is
- b) are
- c) were

15) The wind _____ blowing fast.

- a) was

b) were

c) is

16) The sound is _____ my studies.

a) disturbing

b) disturb

c) disturbed

17) Many kites are _____ in the sky.

a) fly

b) flew

c) flying

18) The principal is _____ a surprise check.

a) conduct

b) conducting

c) conducted

19) The ship is _____ on the sea.

a) sailing

b) sail

c) sailed

20) The children _____ eating now.

a) were

b) will

c) are

Answers- 1)c, 2)a, 3)b, 4)c, 5)b, 6)a, 7)c, 8)c, 9)a, 10)b, 11)c, 12)a, 13)c, 14)b, 15)c, 16)a, 17)c, 18)b, 19)a, 20)c

True or False Exercises/Worksheets/Activities on Present Continuous Tense with Answers:

Determine whether the following sentences represent the correct form of Present continuous Tense or not, also verify your answers with those provided at the end of the exercise-

- 1) I am listening.
- 2) You is walking.
- 3) She is sing.
- 4) The dog is barked.
- 5) The child is crying.
- 6) They are study together.
- 7) Ram and Rony are playing volleyball.
- 8) Children are studying quietly.
- 9) The family is have dinner.
- 10) The teacher is looked for you.
- 11) Our team is playing better.
- 12) They are looked towards the sky.
- 13) Buntty is riding a bicycle.
- 14) No one is going by bus.
- 15) She is request him for the leave.

16) He is waiting for the Chief Guest.

17) She is cooked for her children.

18) He is laughing on the act.

19) He is a well deserve candidate.

20) She is watching her favourite movie.

Answers-

1)True, 2)False, 3)False, 4)False, 5)True, 6)False, 7)True, 8)True, 9)False, 10)False, 11)True. 12)False, 13)True, 14)True, 15)False, 16)True, 17)False, 18)True, 19)False, 20)True

Mixed Exercises/Worksheets/Activities

**Fill In the blanks exercises/Worksheets/Activities on
Positive/Negative/Interrogative Present Continuous Sentences:**

**Complete the given sentences with appropriate form of verb or auxiliary verb to
represent the sentence in Present Continuous or Present Progressive form -**

1) I am _____ for New York tomorrow. **(leave)**

2) She is _____ in the tournament. **(play)**

3) My dad is _____ to the office. **(go)**

4) My brother is _____ an exam. **(write)**

5) She is not _____ to the college. **(go)**

6) He is not _____ properly. **(listen)**

7) Is the machine not _____? **(work)**

8) Is your mother not _____? **(cook)**

9) Are they not _____? **(come)**

10) Why are they _____? (leave)

Answers-

1)leaving, 2)playing, 3)going, 4)writing, 5)going, 6)listening, 7)working, 8)cooking, 9)coming, 10)leaving

MCQs Exercises/Worksheets/Activities on Positive/Negative/Interrogative Present Continuous Sentences:

1) I am _____ breakfast.

- a) eating
- b) ate
- c) eaten

2) She is _____ for shopping.

- a) gone
- b) going
- c) went

3) The children are _____ quietly.

- a) listening
- b) listen
- c) listened

4) He is _____ writing.

- a) why
- b) good
- c) not

5) The children are _____ playing today.

- a) not
- b) none
- c) never

6) The table is not _____.

- a) moved
- b) moving
- c) move

7) _____ they coming for the reception?

- a) why
- b) is
- c) are

8) _____ he going to eat the dinner?

- a) are
- b) is
- c) when

9) Is she _____ going to the picnic?

- a) not
- b) is
- c) yes

10) Why is he _____ leaving?

a) does

b) not

c) do

Answers-

1)a, 2)b, 3)a, 4)c, 5)a, 6)b, 7)c, 8)b, 9)a, 10)b

True or False Exercises/Worksheet/Activities on Positive/Negative/Interrogative Present Continuous Tense:

1) The ministers is going for the meeting.

2) He was taking rest.

3) The dog is barking.

4) He is not talk.

5) She is not cooking.

6) They is not dancing.

7) Is they going to the store?

8) Is he working there?

9) She is not sitting.

10) They are not gone to London today.

Answers-

1)False, 2) False, 3) True, 4) False, 5) True, 6) False, 7) False, 8) True, 9) True, 10) False